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SUBJECT:ILO - UPI STORY

FOLLOWING STORY ON ILO CARRIED BY UPI:

BEGIN TEXT: LABOR SECRETARY RAY MARSHALL INDICATED TODAY
THE UNITED STATES PROBABLY WILL RESIGN FROM THE INTERNATION-
AL LABOR ORGANIZATION NEXT NOVEMBER - A MOVE THAT COULD
DISSOLVE THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCY.

MARSHALL MADE HIS ASSESSMENT AFTER RETURNING FROM AN ILO
MEETING THAT ENDED WEDNESDAY IN GENEVA.

IN NOVEMBER, 1975, THE UNITED STATES ANNOUNCED IT WOULD
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WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO IN TWO YEARS UNLESS THE AGENCY ADOPTED
CERTAIN CHANGES RESTRICTING A TREND TOWARD POLITICAL DEBATE.

MARSHALL SAID US DELEGATES DURING THE RECENT MEETING MANAGED
TO WIN CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR ITS
PROPOSALS. "BUT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DO ALL THE THINGS THAT

WE THOUGHT SHOULD BE DONE," HE SAID.

THUS HE DESCRIBED PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED US MEMBERSHIP AS "BLEAK".

"WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHETHER WE WILL REMAIN IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION,," HE SAID. "BUT WE'RE NOT AS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO STAY IN AS I'D HOPED WE'D BE WHEN WE STARTED DELIBERATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES."

MARSHALL SAID US DELEGATES WERE DISTURBED PARTICULARLY BY THE ORGANIZATION'S UNWILLINGNESS TO ACT DURING THE RECENT MEETING ON A REPORT CONDEMNING LABOR STANDARDS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

HE NOTED THE UNITED STATES ALSO FAILED TO WIN A PROVISION THAT WOULD HAVE RESTRICTED THE GROUP FROM DEBATING POLITICAL MATTERS HAVING NOTHING TO DO WITH LABOR STANDARDS.

THE US DELEGATES ORIGINALLY WERE MIFFED BY THE ADMISSION OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION AS AN OBSERVER AT THE ILO, AND A 1974 VOTE CONDEMNING WITHOUT INVESTIGATION THE CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

MARSHALL SAID SOME INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WARNED THAT THE UNITED STATES WITHDRAWAL "COULD BE THE END OF THE ORGANIZATION". HE SAID HE AGREED WITH THAT ASSESSMENT.
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"I THINK THAT'S A POSSIBLE SCENARIO THAT YOU COULD TRACE OUT," HE SAID.

THE UNITED STATES CURRENTLY CONTRIBUTES 20 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION, OR ABOUT 25 PER CENT OF THE GROUP'S TOTAL BUDGET. END TEXT
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